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In re Patent Application of:

Shuyun ZHANG et al.

Application No.: 10/033,571

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Art Unit: 1648

For: AN IMPROVED METHOD FOR THE
PRODUCTION AND PURIFICATION
OF ADENOVIRAL VECTORS

Examiner: Mary Mosher

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2004, in which all elected claims (70-98) stand rejected under one or more of 35 U.S.C. §§ 112 (first and second paragraphs), 103(a) and the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Each of claims 70-98 should be allowed in light of the amendments and arguments submitted below. This response is timely submitted as a petition for a three month's extension of time to April 21, 2005 is submitted herewith.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 13 of this paper.